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'Until they are home'

Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Press Chief

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — One phrase that Marines often hear throughout their military careers is: "Marines never leave anyone behind."

That phrase is most often heard in times of war and conflict. Unfortunately, adhering to that ideal has not always been as easily done as said, over past few decades.

Not only does the Marine Corps currently have a list of service members not accounted for from past conflicts, so too does the Army, Air Force and Navy. All services have records of prisoners of war and service members who are missing in action, not yet recovered.

The mission of the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, located at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans missing as a result of our nation's previous conflicts. Ultimately, their goal is to discover military members who are still alive, possibly still being held as prisoners of war, and bring them back to the U.S.

JPAC, which was created by a merger between the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii, and the Joint Task Force-Full Accounting, was activated Oct. 1, 2003.

Since then the command has grown to more than 400 members who work each day in an effort to bring those missing and fallen service members back to America.

The staff of JPAC includes members of the four services as well as civilian experts who work together to recover and identify the more than 78,000 Americans missing from World War II, 8,100 missing for the Korean War, 1,800 missing from the war in Vietnam, 120 missing from the Cold War and one service member missing from the Gulf War.

In order to carry out their mission, JPAC has been divided into five main areas: analysis, negotiations, investigations, recovery and identification.

The analysis process is mainly gathering information from sources such as the personnel records of a service member who is unaccounted for, outside researchers, national archives and depositories maintained by foreign governments.

Once a loss, case file for each individual who is unaccounted for has been created, researchers have a general idea about the specific activities of the historical conflict and area that the service member was involved in. Then, an analyst is able to provide the operations and labora-

"For generations, you have demanded a full accounting of Americans whose fate is undetermined, and my administration will not rest until that accounting is complete."

— George W. Bush



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Petty Officer 1st Class Brandon L. Raile, noncommissioned officer-in-charge, Public Affairs Office, JPAC, explains how forensic anthropologists identify remains using a myriad of tools at their disposal, analyzing personal effects, skeletal and dental remains, material evidence, life-support equipment and mitochondrial DNA.

tory sections with the information gathered.

The next step in the process, negotiations, involves communicating with representatives of the foreign government in the country in which investigators are traveling to in order to ensure conditions in the country are positive and secure for JPAC's investigators.

From there, an investigations and recovery team is deployed to the most logical area in order to, hopefully, make a discovery of an individual or group of the remains of those lost.

During their deployment, the teams have three main goals in mind: document and survey potential recovery sites; attempt to create new leads for future recoveries; and assist in planning future recovery selections.

The command has six investigative teams that have between four and nine members. Each team consists of one team leader, an assistant team leader, an analyst, and a linguist medic and, in some cases, an anthropologist, an explosive ordnance technician and a life-support technician. Teams usually deployed for an average of 35 days per mission.

The recovery section of JPAC is

composed of ten teams that are dedicated to those missing from Southeast Asia, five teams for the Korean War missing and three teams dedicated to recovering Americans from World War II, the Cold War and the Gulf War.

At times, during recovery and excavating missions, members must face harsh conditions, having to walk through seemingly endless jungles, navigating terrain in four-wheel drive vehicles, rappelling from cliffs, hiking over mountains and glaciers and even riding horse, at times.

Once the team reaches the designated area, they set up a recovery site and begin the process of searching for anything that could lead them to remains, artifacts or personal effects.

The size of the recovery site can range from just a few meters to larger than the size of a football field.

If remains are discovered in the area, they are transported back to Hickam and a repatriation ceremony takes place to honor the return of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

During the ceremony, the remains are placed in an aluminum transfer case and draped with an American



Photo Courtesy of Vanessa Perez

Members of the joint-service honor guard carries one of four sets of remains of service members from the back of a C-130 cargo plane at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, June 24. The remains were returned to the U.S. from Palau, China, North Korea and Laos. The remains are from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict. They were transported to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command's Laboratory where the forensic identification process begins.

flag out of respect for each individual.

Members of the service member's family, friends, veterans, members of the local community, and personnel from each branch of the service attend each repatriation ceremony.

Once the remains arrive at the Central Identification Laboratory of JPAC, which is currently the largest forensic anthropology laboratory in the world. The remains, and any artifacts that may accompany the remains, are then assigned an accession number and stored in a secure area for further analysis.

In order to establish a positive identification of the remains, researchers use various techniques, ultimately resulting in the creation of a biological profile.

The profile includes the sex, race, age at death, and height of the individual. Other clues to the identity may include any trauma caused at or near the time of death that can narrow down the identity as well as dental remains, which are the leading positive identification clue.

Although not all remains can be identified, and others may take years to analyze, every case is treated with the same goal in mind: to identify as many remains as possible until all are recovered and accounted for.

Once a case is completed and a positive identification is made, the appropriate mortuary service office is notified and the family of the

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An outside look at JPAC's secure laboratory tells little of the research that takes place inside. On each table within the room rests the skeletal remains of a U.S. service member who was killed during a war or a conflict. JPAC researchers are seen here, going through the process of identifying the remains. It can be a long and trying process to figure out an identity, and some are never identified, but each day analysts work to find answers for the families whose loved ones are still missing.

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Pacifica wins BayFest opportunity

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Throughout history, opening bands have been paramount in setting the stage for the main events at concerts and performances around the world.

This year's BayFest concert line-up features four big-name groups: Papa Roach, Montgomery Gentry, Brad Paisley and Lynyrd Skynyrd.

One lesser-known local group is getting the opportunity to show off their talent as the opening band for this year's opening act, Papa Roach. According to the opening band's members, they had to work hard to earn their spot on stage among the big-name bands.

Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill, Budweiser, BayFest and Star 101.9 hosted "Battle of the Bands," June 23. The winner of this contest decided which band would open for the bands at this year's BayFest, which runs today through Monday.

Four bands competed for the slot. Competing bands literally battled it out throughout the night, creating a memorable

evening for both players as well as listeners.

"You could tell the crowd was really getting into the music," said Keau Katsanuma, account executive, Star 101.9. "The bands all had their faithful fan followings there, but everyone seemed to be having a great time throughout the entire event."

According to Katsanuma, the bands played mostly their own original punk and rock music, with the winning band, Pacifica, being no different.

"Out of the four bands — Pacifica, Secondhand Sin, YouthinAsia and Last in Line — Pacifica really got the crowd involved with a mix of both the punk and rock genres," said Katsanuma.

The members of Pacifica not only earned themselves a spot opening for Papa Roach, they also received recording time in a studio, as well as airtime on Star 101.9.

"Our entire goal was to find an entertaining opening act for BayFest as well as supporting local music talents," explained Katsanuma. "We accomplished both goals and are now just looking forward to watching them perform at BayFest."



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Secondhand Sin warms up before performing at the 2005 Battle of the Bands competition, June 23, at Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill. Out of the four bands — Pacifica, Secondhand Sin, YouthinAsia and Last in Line — that competed for the opportunity to open up for Papa Roach at this year's BayFest, Pacifica came out on top, winning over the crowd and ultimately, the competition.

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Kahuna's Bar & Grill
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Pool Tournaments — Are you a closet pool shark? If so, make Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill your destination for pool tourneys every Wednesday starting this Wednesday.

The games run from 7 to 11 p.m. and require a \$10 entry fee. Tournaments are open to E-5 and below, DoD civilians and sponsored guests.

Designated Driver Awareness Program — According to the National Highway Safety Administration, in 2004 motor vehi-

cle crashes were the leading cause of death for people 2 to 33 years of age.

Don't be a statistic. Sign up for the Designated Driver Program at Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill and enjoy free drinks — non-alcoholic, of course — while your buddies make the most of other beverages and everyone has a great time.

All Hands

Summer Reading Program — The Base Library's Summer Reading Program is in full swing and summer has only just begun. Now through Aug. 6, children of all ages are welcome to sign up and, depending on their age group, will earn special awards.

Parents are encouraged to read to young children who are not of reading age, enabling them to qualify for the program. Be a part of the Wrap-Up Party at the end of the program and enter the book drawing. The party is scheduled for Aug. 13 at 1 p.m., with participants receiving certificates and McDonald's rewards.

For more information, call 254-7624.

Liberty Exhibit on Display at Base Library — Come the Base Library to enjoy another interpretive exhibit supplied by the Hawaii Committee for the Humanities. This display titled "Blessings of Liberty: To Preserve These Rights Exhibit" explores the history and fundamental ideas of the U.S. Constitution, including the debate of ideas among the Founding Fathers, the principle of federalism and the anti-federalist argument, the balance of the powers and the Constitution's continuing legacy.

The exhibit will run through July 15.

For more information, call the Base Library at 254-7624.

SM&SP

All events are open to unaccompanied E-5 and below who are active duty Marines or Sailors. The SM&SP Office is located in Building 1629, inside the Kahuna's Recreation Center. Get more details on activities at mccshawaii.com under the "Semper Fitness" icon, or call 254-7593.

The Single Marine & Sailor Program is a highly-energized program with a mission: to provide a forum that inspires, informs and unites the Marine Corps and Navy team in the spirit of aloha, by improving quality of life and morale for both the military and civilian communities.

SM&SP offers numerous activities for unaccompanied Marines and Sailors ranked E-5 and below including sports competitions, outdoor activities, excursions and adventures, volunteer opportunities, skill development workshops and much more.

How can you get involved? Call the SM&SP Office at 254-7593, or stop by Building 1629, the Kahuna's Recreation Center, and get involved.

Sailing Lessons: If you've always wanted to sail our spectacular Kaneohe Bay, here's your chance. Come to the Base Marina from July 11 to July 15 from 5 p.m. until dark and learn to master the secrets of the seven seas ... well, almost. Classes will cover the basics of sailing and the certification requirements that will get you sailing your own vessel. Cost is only \$25 per person, but with a 10-person limit, space is bound to fill up fast. Registration deadline is July 6. For details or to sign up, call 254-7593.

FBI Recruitment Brief — Looking to find a career in law enforcement? Do you have foreign language skills? Then you may be interested in a position with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This workshop on Tuesday provides an overall review on the FBI agency and expectations, including: age requirements, pay and promotions, career assignments, drug policies, minimum qualifications, testing requirements, physical training, medical reviews and the application process.

For more information, call 257-7790.

Daddy's Baby Boot Camp/Mom's Basic Training — Come to the Key Volunteer Center Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to learn the fine art of becoming a great care provider for your on-the-way baby. The training will cover childbirth education and infant care classes for expecting moms and soon-to-be dads.

For details, call 257-8803.

New Arrivals Orientation — If you are new to the base, this session will provide all the information you need to make this base more than just your current duty station — you'll be armed to make it your home away from home. Presenters from various base organizations will provide a general overview of the services available to military members and their family, Thursday.

For more information, call 257-7790.

PCS Move Workshop — This program is designed to give an out-bound member (single or married) and families the information, resources and tools needed to plan their PCS move.

Presentations will be given by TMO, Housing, TLA, Finance Office, Personal Financial Counselor, EFMP

Coordinator, Tricare, Relocation and Anti-Terrorism Level 1, Thursday. You do not need orders to attend, but registration is necessary due to limited seating. Attendance is mandatory for PCS-ing active duty Marine Corps personnel per Marine Corps Order 1320.11E.

To sign up or for more information, call 257-7790.

Program for Couples — A little marriage tune-up is good from time to time. Join the Chaplains' Religious Enrichment Operation for the Marriage Enrichment Training to be held during the weekend of July 8 through 10.

This event, held at the K-Bay Cabanas, promises to rejuvenate any relationship and open communication channels for a better spiritual connection.

Call 257-1919 to sign up.

Tour of the Island — For those new to Hawaii and Oahu, this is your perfect opportunity to leave the driving to someone else and be a sight-seer once again. Take a narrated tour of Oahu, Friday, and see the most popular points of interest, which all locals know by now.

This free, day-long tour will take you around the island beginning and ending at Personal Services, Building 216. Bring lunch and sun protection.

Space is limited and reservations are required, so be sure to call for your seat at 257-7790.

Ongoing

Applications Now Accepted for United States Marine Corps West Regional Teen Summit — This gathering will be held at Marine Corps Base Hawaii from Aug. 19 to 21 and is open to dependents ages 13 to 17.

The workshops to be presented

will focus on leadership development, life skills and outdoor adventure. Teenagers from installations in the West Coast and Asia will be attending.

Space is limited, so sign up early by calling 254-7610.

Ba-Le Offers Good Meals — Looking for a great breakfast at good prices with speedy preparation? Than look no further than the Ba-Le Sandwich Shop located in the trailer across from the Firestone store.

The sandwich shop offers croissant sandwiches, bagels, Danishes, coffee, orange juice, and so much more. There's no excuse to skip your breakfast or lunch.

Ba-Le is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Extended Pool Hours at The Officers' Club — Summer pool hours are in effect at The Officers' Club as follows: Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Mondays and holidays, the pool will be closed so plan accordingly. Poolside menu will be available on Splash Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and on Sizzle Sundays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. On Tuesdays and Sundays only, food will be cooked to order on a grill by the pool. Wednesday through Friday, limited items can be ordered via the poolside phone for delivery to the pool.

For more details, call 254-7650.

Get Your Lunch on the Go at Kahuna's — Need to grab a tasty bite to eat, but don't have time to sit down at Kahuna's? No problem — for a quick and convenient lunch, use the pick up service at the bar.

Just call the lunch pickup line at 254-4183 and place your lunch order between 10:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m., Monday through Friday.

It's just another way that Kahuna's keeps you satisfied.

Tuition assistance provides steady support

Pfc. J. Ethan Hoaldridge
U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific

Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii — "Feet and elbows 45 degrees, one point of black, tight fists, lean back," barks a Marine drill instructor. He stands in front of a platoon of Marine recruits in formation for drill. Every aspect of their posture, and the way they carry their rifles is near perfect as they execute the sequenced drill movements.

It is this attention to detail and discipline drilled into recruits that gives them the tools for success as a Marine, but it doesn't stop there.

Educational opportunities continue to provide a way for Marines to build a bigger, better future in and out of the Corps.

"Marines at Camp Smith and Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, can start their college career by attending a class provided by the Joint Education Center, MCBH on tuition assistance and

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Lance Cpl. Edwin A. Ortiz, Marine Corps Forces Pacific administrative clerk, participates in an online forum for discussion on topics covered in his sociology class. Ortiz has been pursuing his off-duty education both online and after working hours, thanks to the 100 percent tuition assistance provided by the Marine Corps.

MOVIE TIME

Prices: Adults, 12 and older, \$3; children 6 to 11, \$1.50 and children 5 and younger, free. Matinee prices are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16-years-old and younger. Sunday evenings, the price is \$1 for all patrons. Show your ID card at the box office.

Call 254-7642 for recorded information.

Sneak Preview Policy: One hour and 45 minutes prior to the movie, tickets will be issued to first priority patrons waiting in line, then second and third priority patrons.

Monster-in-Law (PG-13)	Today at 7:15 p.m.
Kingdom of Heaven (R)	Today at 9:45 p.m.
Unleashed (R)	Saturday at 7:15 p.m.
House of Wax (R)	Saturday at 9:45 p.m.
Kicking and Screaming (PG)	Sunday at 2 p.m.
Monster-in-Law (PG-13)	Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
Unleashed (R)	Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Crash (R)	Friday at 7:15 p.m.
Unleashed (R)	Friday at 9:45 p.m.

2005 McKenna Motors BayFest schedules

On-Base Bus information

The On-Base Bus service that will be available Friday, through Monday.

Bus service to and from BayFest 2005 grounds will run every 30 minutes and begin at 5 p.m., running nonstop until 9:30 p.m. Service will resume at 11 p.m. and continue through 2 a.m.

Two routes will be available: a red and a green route. Bus stop locations are as follows:

Red Route

Stop 1: Kahuna’s Sports Bar & Grill parking lot

Stop 2: Marine Corps Exchange Annex parking lot

Stop 3: Parking lot near 3rd Marines motor pool

Stop 4: Marine Corps Exchange parking lot

Stop 5: Hale Hoo Lono Koa (Craig Avenue)

Green Route

Stop 1: The Officers’ Club

Stop 2: Staff NCO Club

Stop 3: Corner of Lawrence and South Lawrence streets

Liberty Bus Schedule

There will be no Waikiki Liberty Bus service during the BayFest weekend, Friday through Sunday. Regular Liberty Bus service will resume on July 8.

Stop 4: Base Ordnance parking lot

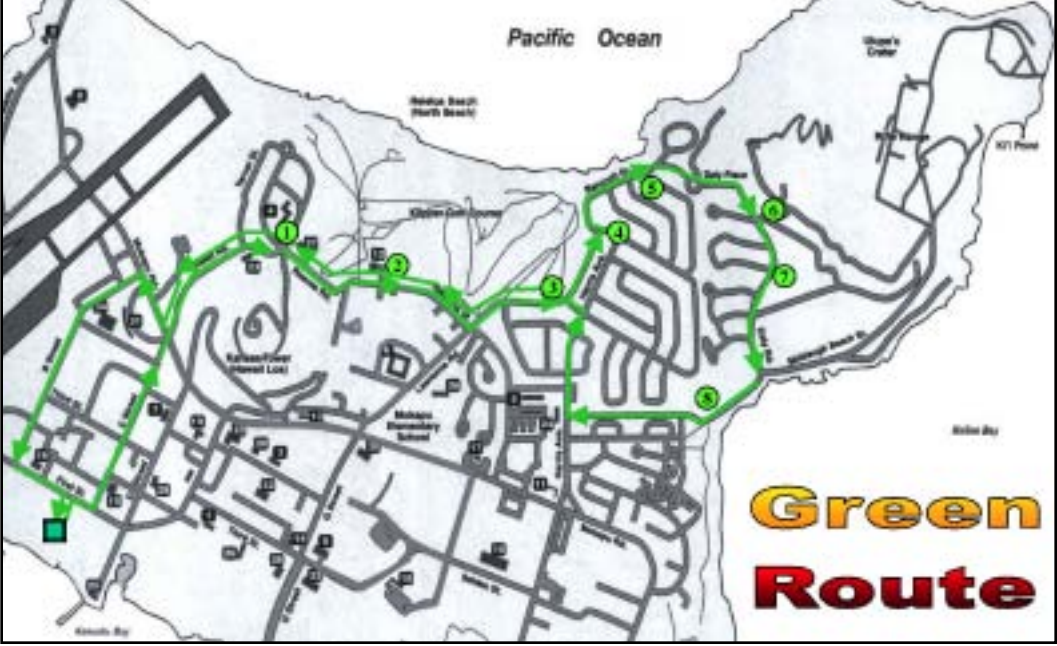
Stop 5: Field on Middaugh Beach Street

Due to the unavailability of additional bus drivers, this year’s routes have been lengthened, but reduced in quantity.

For more information, call Master Gunnery Sgt. John T. Alexander at 254-7502.

Gates open at 5 p.m. on Friday and at noon starting Saturday. Attractions include military demonstrations, contests and E.K. Fernandez carnival rides. Concerts start at 9:15 p.m. followed by the world-famous Grucci Brothers fireworks show each night.

For more information, visit www.bayfesthawaii.com.



Schedule of events

Tonight Time	Event	Location
5 p.m.	Opening of McKenna Motors’ BayFest 2005	Midway
5 – 6 p.m.	MarForPac Band Festival Stroll	Near Coors Light Fest Tent
5 – 8 p.m.	Dunk Tank	Near Coors Light Fest Tent
	Striker	Midway
5 – 8:30 p.m.	AAA Hawaii Custom Car Show	Midway
	McKenna Motors New Car Show	Hangar
	Island Lifestyle Expo	Midway
	Military Static Display	Midway
5 p.m. – midnight	Fernandez Events, Inc. carnival rides, games and food	Midway
6 – 6:45 p.m.	101.9 Battle of the Bands winner — Pacifica	Main Stage
6 – 7 p.m.	Budweiser mechanical bull-riding	Near the Main Stage
7 – 7:45 p.m.	Upstanding Youth	Main Stage
8 – 8:45 p.m.	Go Jimmy Go	Main Stage
9:15 – 10:30 p.m.	Papa Roach	Main Stage
10:30 – 10:40 p.m.	Grucci Brothers’ Fireworks Display	Main Stage Area
10:40 p.m. – 2 a.m.	Fest Tent Party	Coors Light Fest Tent
Saturday		
Noon – 6 p.m.	All-Hawaii Cruises’ Coconut Island Boat Rides	Waterfront
Noon – 8:30 p.m.	AAA Hawaii Custom Car Show	Midway
	McKenna Motors New Car Show	Midway
	Military static display	Midway
	Island Lifestyle Expo	Hangar
Noon – Midnight	Fernandez Events, Inc. carnival rides, games and food	Midway
1 – 8 p.m.	Dunk tank	Near Coors Light Fest Tent
	Striker	Near Coors Light Fest Tent
2 – 3 p.m.	Sumo competition	Near Coors Light Fest Tent
3 – 3:30 p.m.	Papa John’s Pizza-Eating Contest	Coors Light Fest Tent
	AAA Funny Car Start Up	Midway
	Budweiser boxing challenge	Boxing Ring
4 – 6 p.m.	Budweiser mechanical bull-riding contest	Near Main Stage
6 – 7 p.m.	John Cruz	Main Stage
7 – 7:45 p.m.	Rick Monroe	Main Stage
8 – 8:45 p.m.	Montgomery Gentry	Main Stage
9:15 – 10:30 p.m.	Fireworks by the Grucci Brothers	Main Stage Area
10:30 – 10:40 p.m.	Fireworks by the Grucci Brothers	Main Stage Area
10:40 p.m. – 2 a.m.	Fest Tent Party	Coors Light Fest Tent
Sunday		
Noon – 6 p.m.	All-Hawaii Cruises’ Coconut Island Boat Rides	Waterfront
Noon – 8:30 p.m.	AAA Hawaii Custom Car Show	Midway
	McKenna Motors New Car Show	Midway
	Military static display	Midway
	Island Lifestyle Expo	Hangar
Noon – Midnight	Fernandez Events, Inc. carnival rides, games and food	Midway
1 – 8 p.m.	Dunk tank	Near Coors Light Fest Tent
	Striker	Near Coors Light Fest Tent
2 – 3 p.m.	Joust competition	Near Coors Light Fest Tent
3 – 3:30 p.m.	Papa John’s Pizza-Eating Contest	Coors Light Fest Tent
	AAA Funny Car Start Up	Midway
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	SuperBrawl	Near Coors Light Fest Tent
4:30 – 6 p.m.	BodySearch Fitness Competition	Main Stage
6 – 7 p.m.	Budweiser mechanical bull-riding contest	Near Main Stage
7 – 7:45 p.m.	Scott Wallace	Main Stage
8 – 8:45 p.m.	Dita Holifield & Red Handed	Main Stage
9:15 – 10:30 p.m.	Brad Paisley	Main Stage
10:30 – 10:40 p.m.	Fireworks by the Grucci Brothers	Main Stage Area
10:45 p.m. – 2 a.m.	Fest Tent Party with DJ Victor Effler	Coors Light Fest Tent
Monday		
Noon – 6 p.m.	All-Hawaii Cruises’ Coconut Island Boat Rides	Waterfront
Noon – 8:30 p.m.	AAA Hawaii Custom Car Show	Midway
	McKenna Motors New Car & Truck Show	Midway
	Island Lifestyle Expo	Hangar
	Military static display	Midway
Noon – 11 p.m.	Fernandez Events, Inc. carnival rides, games and food	Midway
1 – 8 p.m.	Dunk Tank	Near Coors Light FestTent
	Striker	Near Coors Light FestTent
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Bathtub Regatta	Waterfront
3 – 3:30 p.m.	Papa John’s Pizza-Eating Contest	Coors Light Fest Tent
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Sumo contest	Near Coors Light FestTent
6 – 6:45 p.m.	MarForPac Band concert	Main Stage
7 – 7:45 p.m.	Ghost	Main Stage
8 – 8:45 p.m.	Slug	Main Stage
9:15 – 10:45 p.m.	Lynyrd Skynyrd	Main Stage
10:45 – 11:05 p.m.	Grucci Brothers’ Fireworks Spectacular	Main Stage
11:05 – Midnight	Fest Tent Party	Coors Light Fest Tent

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Wiccans celebrate change of season

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“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof ...”

— Establishment clause in the 1st Amendment of the U.S. constitution.

Members of the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Wiccan Fellowship, met recently to welcome the incoming summer season with a celebration at the beach on base.

Wicca, a recognized religion, is accepted and practiced on MCB Hawaii, with fellowship meetings being held on base weekly and on holidays. On June 20, however, there was a special meeting of the Wiccan Fellowship — one in which the members met to embrace the summer solstice and

celebrate their one-year anniversary aboard MCB Hawaii.

Described as a recently created, Neopagan religion that has branches that can be traced back to Gardnerian Witchcraft, which was founded in the United Kingdom during the late 1940s, Wicca is based on the symbols, seasonal days of celebration, beliefs and deities of ancient Celtic society. Added to this material were Masonic and ceremonial magical components from recent centuries. In this respect, it is a religion whose roots go back almost three millennia to the formation of Celtic society circa 800 BCE, according to the introduction on a Wiccan Web site, www.religioustolerance.org.

According to Niki Taittinger, a high priestess of the Wiccan religion from the

local community, the fellowship gathered to celebrate, feast and share, spirituality.

“A time like this is a time to rejoice,” said the Newport Beach, Calif. native. “We all have great energy together, and it is my privilege to be able to celebrate with such a good group of young people.”

The evening began with acting out of the traditional battle between the Oak King, who represents the winter to summer season, and the Holly King, who represents the summer to winter season. Two men, dressed in costume, simulated the battle between the seasons — ending the battle with the Holly King as the victor and thereby welcoming in the summer season.

Taittinger explained that a long time ago, most people worked the land and would share their harvest. Being a fruit and grain holiday, most of the dishes that were prepared by the fellowship for their summer solstice celebration were made with pasta and fruits.

After the Oak and Holly kings concluded their battle performance, fellowship members formed a circle and passed fruitcake and drink, blessing everyone during the upcoming year with the hope that no one would go hungry or thirsty.

“We want to stress that if someone is in need, we will share with them,” said Taittinger. “This is a time to be happy and rejoice for the year to come.”

As another part of trying to help those in need, the group creates a talisman for deployed troops that they hope will keep



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Enacting a battle representing the changing of the seasons, is Lance Cpl. Eric Ballard, heavy equipment engineer mechanic, 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, as the Holly King (left), who reigns from summer through winter; and Lance Cpl. Matthew Jeffers, armorer, Marine Aircraft Group 24, representing the Oak King, who reigns from winter through summer, on June 21, the summer solstice. The solstice is when summer officially begins and, in this mock battle, the Holly King is triumphant.

Mrs. Hawaii United States 2005

Mrs. Hawaii prepares for Vegas pageant

Kerry Cecil

Special to Hawaii Marine

I am currently Mrs. Hawaii United States 2005 and wife of Master Sgt. Eric Cecil, intelligence operations chief, Marine Forces Pacific, Camp Smith, Hawaii, and have been hard at work preparing for the upcoming Mrs. United States Pageant 2005 scheduled for July 28 at the Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev.

This weekend, the Cecil family will be riding in the 59th Annual Fourth of July parade, in Kailua.

I was recently appointed the Key Volunteer Coordinator for Headquarters and Service Battalion, MarForPac.

Besides preparing physically, I have been busy assembling my required wardrobe. In cost-cutting efforts, for the evening gown competition, I purchased one from a popular local discount department store and proceeded to redesign it and hand bead it myself to bring it up to pageant standards.

Each state delegate is to bring a costume representative of her state in which they are introduced and also judged. Despite the suggestion from my sons, Joshua and Kane, that I wear a pineapple costume, I took the hula costume I had made myself for the Air Show Aloha greetings and added feathers, rhinestones and sequins to bring it up to the stage worthy expectations of the pageant.

Like in the movie “Miss Congeniality,” the delegates room together. The delegates arrive five days prior to the pageant. There are planned dinners, autograph sessions, and lots of stage rehearsals. From the Web site postings of past delegates, Las Vegas really rolls out the red carpet for this pageant and its delegates.

My platform of choice is, naturally, military related: The strengthening of the family units and readiness issues. I also hope to be able to visit military hospitals and veteran’s homes, should I win the title Mrs. United States 2005.

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COMMENTARIES

H-KISS creates profound change

Sgt. Danielle M. Bacon
U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific

Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii — There are many concerns that go along with being a parent — especially when it is your first-born. While pregnant with my first, all I could think was, “Well, as long as he is born with all ten fingers and toes I will be happy.”

Now a mother of two, I know that is true only to an extent. As they grow, other fears start to rear their ugly heads: Will my child be smart, strong, happy, funny?

As my oldest son, Sebastian, turned 2, an evaluator at his child development center voiced her opinion that he was slow to speak and that he might get lost in the toddler classroom.

As would any parent, I started to run the gamut of emotions that come with hearing adverse things about your child. How could she say such a thing?

My son is extremely gifted and reached most of his milestones, such as sitting, crawling and walking, early. But the damage had been done. I started analyzing everything he did — really nit-picking what he would say and how he would say it.

The one thing she asked that struck a chord was, “At what percent can you understand what he says? What about a perfect stranger?”

After thinking about it, I would have to say it was less than 30 percent, but I am a mom — I want and think the best of my kids.

Once I put the handkerchief away, I decided to go for a second opinion.

I took him to Tripler Army Medical Center. The pediatrician agreed that he should be seen by the speech therapist. She offered that children start talking at many different stages.

A few weeks later, Sebastian and I went back to the hospital to meet with the speech therapist.

I wanted her to tell me that he was fine and there was nothing to worry about.

She played with him, pointing out where he excelled and his shortcomings.

She explained where he should be in his speech and suggested getting help. As she interacted with Sebastian, she told me about Hawaii Keiki Information Services System.

H-KISS, a program of the Early Intervention Section of the Hawaii Department of Health, is a free information and referral system for families

and pediatricians.

Although it wasn’t what I wanted to hear, it softened the blow.

A H-KISS coordinator came to our home and explained what the program was all about and everything it had to offer.

In some instances, H-KISS can help with child-care costs — up to 80 percent. For parents of children 3 to 5, they give information on how to access the Department of Education special education preschool.

In my case, they set up an appointment for a speech therapist to come to my son’s school once a week for an hour. I don’t have to be there, but if I was, the therapist would also teach me how to work with Sebastian. She also gives homework assignments for both of us.

An hour doesn’t sound like a lot of time, but you would be amazed at what can be taught in an hour.

We are in week five, and the change has been like night and day.

As my son and I walked through the mall, he turned around and said, “Momma, I’m hungry. I want chicken.”

He said it like he had been talking for years.

It makes being a parent a lot more fun when I can understand what he wants rather than trying to guess.

I don’t know whether the results we’ve seen from H-KISS are typical, but the program has made a profound difference in my family’s life.

For more information, call H-KISS at (800) 235-5477 or visit your pediatrician for a referral.

Press ignores positive aspects of military

Frank Schaeffer

I never served in the military, and before my son unexpectedly volunteered, I was too busy writing novels to give much thought to the men and women who guard us. To me, the military was the “other.”

After my son joined the Marines; however, casualty reports from Afghanistan and Iraq were no longer mere news items but gut-churning family bulletins. And reports about prisoner abuse cut me to the quick. They also made me angry at the media. Sure, this was an emotional, don’t-impugn-my-son’s-honor reaction, but I wonder if there is also something fundamentally amiss with the way the media reports on our military.

If most reporters, editors and publishers are like this writer before his son volunteered, they don’t identify with members of our armed forces personally. Most members of our media are drawn from my privileged class. And we, the most privileged Americans, seem to believe that everyone but our children should serve. When members of the elite do volunteer — as did the Harvard-graduate son of Richard and Doris Kearns Goodwin — it’s a news story in itself.

To be sure, if the children of our top reporters, editorial writers and columnists were proportionately represented in our military, we would still read the stories about prisoner abuse. But I think we might also read more stories like this one, forwarded to me by another Marine’s father:

“February 19, 2004 Iraq
Dear Mom & Dad,
... We were stopped in the desert outside of Fallujah. We had 3 detainees under our control that were captured in the act of (attacking our) Marines. Because we were in the open without any facilities around, the detainees were temporarily being held under the stars.

Around 3 a.m., the wind started blowing hard and a sandstorm hit ... the sky opened and the flying sand was joined by a downpour of rain. ... In the back of a truck, 4 Marines were trying to stay dry and get some sleep. The lieutenant who was in charge of providing security for the detainees approached this truck and opened up the back hatch. He ordered the Marines out. ... The Marines asked why, and he explained to them that he had to put the detainees in the back of the truck to protect them from the rain and sandstorm.

Word of this spread quickly and everyone was livid. We couldn’t believe that our Marines were being kicked into the sandstorm/rainstorm so these detainees could stay dry. The next day I was still angry and everyone was still talking about what had happened that night. Later in the day, after having time to cool down and think about the situation, I switched from being angry to being proud. ... I love you and miss you lots.

Your son,
Josh (Cpl. Joshua A. Mandel)”

As a military parent, why do I read the most positive stories about our troops in a sort of military-family samizdat e-mail underground network and not on page one? And how many times does the same type of editorial about the same handful of abused prisoners have to be repeated before an inaccurate impression of our military is given?

Maybe reporters and editorial writers think that reporting too often on the many selfless acts our troops undertake will reflect well on an undeserving president who likes to grandstand with our troops in photo ops. But is the truth about the character of our military being accurately, or should I say proportionately, reported? Does the public, which has woefully little personal contact with our military, know that

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WORD TO PASS

“Ha’aheo No ‘O Honolulu” to Kick Off Honolulu Centennial Celebrations

Honolulu Star-Bulletin and MidWeek presents “Ha’aheo No ‘O Honolulu,” or Honolulu Pride, the Honolulu Centennial Grand Opening event celebrating Honolulu’s 100th year at the Waikiki Shell tonight from 6 to 10 p.m.

“Ha’aheo No ‘O Honolulu” is only the first of a series of year-long centennial celebrations.

The celebration will feature a jazz ensemble, multi-media presentation on Honolulu’s history, Chinese lion and dragon dances, hula dances, and notable local performers such as the Royal Hawaiian Band, Kenny Endo Taiko, Na Palapalai, Auntie Genoa Keawe, Marlene Sai and Makaha Sons.

This is a free concert in honor of Honolulu’s Centennial Celebration. Look in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin and MidWeek publications for a coupon to receive tickets to the event. Coupons need to be presented at any Times Supermarket Ticketmaster location. Tickets are based upon availability, while supplies last. One coupon per person good for two lawn-seat tickets. Gates will open at 5 p.m.

Honolulu Centennial logo merchandise will be on sale at the event. A voter-registration booth will also be on-site.

Honors Military Appreciation Day

South Seas Harley-Davidson will host a military appreciation day, Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in recognition of what service members do for their country.

This event is free and open to everyone, so come join South Seas Harley-Davidson and Hawaiian Chopper Magazine in honoring America’s military personnel. Meet Discovery Channel bike builder, and Hawaiian Chopper Magazine cover builder Johnny Chop and Jose De Miguel of Caribbean Custom Cycles of Puerto Rico.

There will be lots of prizes, music, giveaways, food, and more.

South Seas Harley-Davidson is located in Waipahu at 94-896 Moloalo Street.

For more information, call 671-6711.

Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club Holds Benefit at Ulupo Heiau

Experience cultural traditions and learn more about special places in the Kailua ahupuaa during the Ulupo Heiau Hoiike sponsored by the Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club on Saturday, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Ulupo Heiau is one of the oldest known cultural sites in Windward Oahu and is located on the grounds of the Windward YMCA, 1200 Kailua Road, which is co-hosting the event along with the State Parks Division of the Department of Land & Natural Resources. Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs or mats.

This Hoiike is free and will feature hula, chants, moolelo, arts and crafts with a Hawaiian flair, fresh fruits and vegetables, demonstrations, educational exhibits, food, musical entertainment, and escorted tours to the sites of Kawai Nui Marsh and Maunawili Valley. The organizers have arranged to build an imu for roasting traditional Hawaiian foods; however, its opening time has not yet been scheduled.

The celebration starts off at 9 a.m. with a Hula Kahiko offering by Halau Mele, Kumu Hula Keola Lake. At 9:30 a.m., Muriel Seto, the driving engine behind the past 35 years efforts to preserve, protect and restore Kawai Nui Marsh, will present “Early Navigators of Kawai Nui and Kailua Ahupuaa.” She will be followed at 10 a.m. by Na Hula Ola i ke Ao, Kumu Hula Malia Koiulaokawaolehua Helela. At 10:30 a.m., Dr. Charles Burrows, who leads many of the present-day restoration activities in the area, will speak on “Stewardship and the Future of Kawai Nui.”

The escorted tours will be limited to 20 people on a first-come first-served basis and cost \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. There will be a sign-up table next to the vendors. Tours 1 and 2 run from 10 am to 11:30 am with one group going to the Kawai Nui sites and the other into Maunawili Valley. Tours 3 and 4 run from 1:30 to 3 p.m. and will visit the same sites.

Demonstrations include flute carving and playing, laau lapaau — Hawaiian medicinal plants, kapa beating, lei mak-

ing — hili, wili, and haku styles, lomi lomi, lauhala weaving, coconut frond weaving — launiu, poi pounding, stone carving, wood carving, Lua —Hawaiian martial arts, and native insects.

For the keiki, there will also be traditional Hawaiian children’s games they can participate in.

Community displays will feature the work being done by various organizations to preserve, protect, and restore Kawai Nui Marsh and the sub-watersheds which support it.

A traditional Hawaiian plate lunch with foods from the imu will be sold as a fundraiser for the Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club for scholarships for the Kamehameha Schools Explorations Program for 5th graders and for tuition to college and universities. There will also be Western-style fare available.

Several nearby churches along Kailua Road will open up their parking lots to handle the event. Signs will be posted. Both the 56 and 57 bus lines run by the YMCA.

For more information, call Charles Burrows at 595-3922 or e-mail him at chuckb@hawaii.rr.com.

Fourth of July Air Show Returns to Kailua’s Skies

In what has become another Kailua tradition, the Sixth Twilight Airshow will be held over Kailua Bay on Monday. Starting at 6 p.m., Hank Bruckner and Clint Churchill will demonstrate their flying mastery just offshore of Kailua Beach. Each pilot will perform about 30 of aviation’s most exciting maneuvers.

The 30-minute show, co-sponsored by Clear Channel Communications and Kailua merchants, can best be viewed from Kailua Beach Park.

First up will be Bruckner flying the French-built CAP 10C. Hank’s graceful but demanding maneuvers include the avalanche — a loop with a snap roll on top — and a rolling turn, in

which the aircraft rolls as it turns.

Immediately following Hank, the pace and noise level will increase with Churchill’s performance in the German-built Extra 300L. As Hawaii’s only “unlimited” category air show pilot, Churchill will fly the crowd favorite, “lomcevak” — tumbling the plane end over end, and the “knife-edge spin” — swapping nose over tail with the wings pointing up and down.

Flight safety will be an important element with the airshow authorized and overseen by the FAA’s Flight Standards District Office. Both pilots have been flying for more than 33 years, have a combined flight time of more than 13,000 hours, and have performed at the Blue Angels air show at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, last October.

A former Air Force officer, Bruckner is the President of Kaimana Aviation, Inc., flies professionally with a local commuter airline, teaches aerobatics, and is president of General Aviation Council of Hawaii. A former Hawaii Air National Guard F-15 pilot, Churchill is a trustee for the Campbell Estate, is president of Acroflight, Inc., and is president of the Pacific Aviation Museum Pearl Harbor.

Hula Celebrated with the 4th Annual Hula Ho’olauna Aloha Festival

Hawaii and Japanese halau are coming together July 9 and 10 for the 4th Annual Hula Ho’olauna Aloha Festival 2005.

The special weekend celebrating the rich culture and history of hula will feature a dance exhibition by Japanese and local halau at the Ala Moana Shopping Center, center stage, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and a dance competition among many visiting Japanese halau at The Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Coconut Grove, July 10 from 1 to 6 p.m. The public is welcome to attend both events, but seating for the dance competition is limited to participating halau members and their family and friends.

The dance exhibition at the Ala Moana Shopping Center will afford mall-goers an opportunity to witness the talents of some of Japan and Hawaii’s top hula troupes. The exhi-

bition will open with a chant by Kumu Kawaikapuokalani Hewett, followed by Kahiko, or ancient hula, and Auana, or modern hula, performances by 29 group participants from Japan, including solo, group and keiki, including a male keiki, performances, as well as five halau from Hawaii.

Special musical guests will include Kanilau, Na Kama and Makaha Sons.

The hula competition at The Royal Hawaiian Hotel’s Coconut Grove will feature performances by 60 total competitors, including solo and group participants. Well-known Hawaii Kumu Hula, including Kealoha Kalama, Nani Lim Yap, Maelia Loebenstein Carter, Blaine Kamalani Kia, Olana Ai, and Kapiolani Hao, will judge hula performances. The winning halau will dance away with the title, “Hula Ho’olauna Aloha 2005,” and will be given the right to defend its title in the 2006 competition. In addition, there will be special Kahiko performances by the halau of Kumu Kapua Dalire, Kumu Maelia Loebenstein Carter, Kumu Blaine Kia, Kumu Olana Ai, Kumu Kealoha Kalama, Kapiolani Hao and Kumu Chinky Mahoe. There will be grass seating only for the public; no large coolers will be allowed.

King David Kalakaua, King of Hawaii, 1874-1891, once defined hula as the “language of the heart and therefore, the heartbeat of the Hawaiian people.” For centuries, hula was used to tell the stories of past and present day life in Hawaii, teaching its students the importance of family, the land, and respect for all things living. Today, hula has spread beyond the confines of the Hawaiian Islands, reaching the far corners of Asia and Europe, particularly growing in popularity in Japan. The festival was created in 2002 and celebrates Japan’s love for the hula in its birthplace, while bridging the two cultures through dance and friendship.

For more information about the 4th annual Hula Hoolauna Aloha Festival 2005, visit www.jalpakhulafesta.com or call 347-2012 Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Yard Sale

Saturday, 6415-A Lewis Court, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., multi-neighborhood sale with piano, brass items, boogie boards, boy’s bicycle, boy’s clothing, pet kennel, dishes and more.

Yard Sale on May 14, mistakenly sold large brass pot with sentimental value. Willing to pay cash for return or exchange with other brass item. Call 254-4139.

Real Estate

For rent, 2 bedroom/1 bath, washer/dryer, utilities included, \$1,550 per month. Close to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Available July 1. Call 262-0749.

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WICCAN, From B-4

them safe, said Taittinger.

After welcoming in the summer solstice, the Wiccan Fellowship members enjoyed each other’s company, sitting down for the feast that would signal the close of the celebration.

“I’ve always been drawn to nature, the duality of life and spirituality, explained Cpl. John S. Warburton Jr., lay leader for the fellowship. Being part of this fellowship continues to be a great experience. With regard to Paganism, we fall into our own little niches, beliefs and lifestyles, but in the fellowship, we all are able to share our own views as well as to have open discussions every week.

“I’ve been a practitioner of Wicca for 12 years now,” said the fiscal budget technician for Marine Aircraft Group 24.

Membership in the Wiccan Fellowship is open to all. Anyone interested in joining is welcomed to attend weekly meetings held Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Building 216.

“All who want to come for the experience or to find out some information about the Wiccan Fellowship are completely welcome to any meetings we have,” said Taittinger. “No one is criticized for what they believe in.”

For more information Wiccan Fellowship, call the Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay Chapel at 257-3552, or visit www.groups.yahoo.com/group/wiccanfellowship.



Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Niki Taittinger (center), high priestess, leads the MCB Hawaii Wiccan Fellowship in an invocation, or prayer, to welcome the summer season during the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, June 21, aboard Kaneohe Bay.



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Not forgotten

The flag is flown at half-mast this week in honor of Louis H. Wilson, Medal of Honor recipient and 26th Commandant of the Marine Corps, who passed away, June 21. Wilson was awarded the medal for heroic actions while fighting enemy forces at Fonte Hill, Guam, during World War II. It is customary throughout Marine Corps bases to fly the flag at half-mast after the death of a Marine who held the title of Commandant of the Marine Corps.